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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: NYA
SHINICHI SATO ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: NYA
Application No.: NYA)
: Filed: Herewith)
: For: INK, INK-JET INK, INK TANK,)
: INK-JET CARTRIDGE, INK)
: SUPPLY DEVICE, METHOD)
: FOR INTRODUCING INK TO)
: INK TANK AND IMAGE)
: RECORDING DEVICE : November 27, 2001

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application,
filed herewith, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

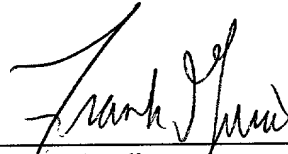
Please cancel Claims 34 and 35 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject
matter.

REMARKS

Claims 34 and 35 have been cancelled to eliminate improper multiple dependencies.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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